

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

U. S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration Assistant Secretary Participates in Roundtable Discussion in Memphis. Assistant Secretary Emily DeRocco met with staff from the city's local workforce investment system and faith-based community organizations to discuss the collaborative efforts undertaken within their city to increase training opportunities for community residents. Memphis is one two sites awarded funds by the Department of Labor to develop a model for collaboration that will help community organizations access a full array of government funding and expertise. For more information visit: http://www.doleta.gov/new_release.cfm.

The Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Office of Youth Services (OYS) Sponsors Art Exhibit for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Participants. Youth ages 14-21 who are participating in WIA funded youth employment programs are invited to submit entries for the USDOL-ETA Office of Youth Services rotating art exhibit. OYS is accepting entries for drawings, paintings, photography, and digital art for the January 5 – March 31, 2004 display period. Space is limited: therefore, no more than 2 pieces per artist and 8 pieces per program/grantee will be accepted for consideration. Send digital photographs of the artwork to Beth Bienvenu at bienvenu.beth@dol.gov. For more complete guidelines and a description of the project, email or call 202-693-2810. **Deadline for submission is December 1.**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Announces Grants for Job Training. HUD has awarded \$47,688, 000 in grants to housing authorities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico. These grants will be used for job training and placement of low-income citizens. For additional information on list of state recipients visit: http://www.hud.gov/news/fss03by_state.pdf.

The U.S. Department of Education Department and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Releases Guidebook for Businesses on Employment of People with Disabilities. The Department of Education and the U.S. Chambers of Commerce released a guidebook to acquaint business leaders with programs and resources available to assist them in hiring people with disabilities. The book contains information about how to find qualified workers with disabilities and how to model what businesses have done to successfully integrate individuals with disabilities into the workforce. To access the guide visit: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/products/employmentguide>.

ABt Associates Produces Promising Practices for Helping Low Income Youth Obtain and Retain Jobs. The ABt Associates, Inc. developed a "Guide for Practitioners" who serve or are considering serving economically disadvantaged youth. The assessment of promising practices is based upon lessons learned through three distinct kinds of programs: (1) NASCC operated, Department of Labor funded Welfare-to-Work Project, other welfare to work programs, and youth service programs. For more information visit:

http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/nascc_guidebook.pdf.

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Launches New Website.

HHS recently launched a website which allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies. To access the site visit:

<http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Opportunities

California Department of Education Funds School Business Partnerships. The California Partnership Academies funded by the California Department of Education provides academic and career training to high school students who are at-risk of dropping out of school. Grants range from \$42,000 to \$81,000. For applications visit: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/partacad/rfa.html>

Deadline: December 19. An intent to submit form must be sent by November 14.

Pew Charitable Trust Announces Cultural Resource Grants. Pew Trust is accepting applications from colleges and universities for grants to support research in areas including education, environment, health and human resources. For more information visit:

<http://www.pewtrusts.com>. **Deadline: Applications are accepted year-round.**

Tiger Woods Foundation Funds Projects for Underserved Youth. The Tiger Woods Foundation funds organizations that provide services to youth in the following areas: education, youth development, parenting, and family health and welfare. For additional information contact the foundation at 714-816-1806. **Deadline: February 2004.**

State Farm Insurance Companies and Youth Service America are Accepting Applications for The State Farm Good Neighbor Service Learning Award. Service learning links community service to academic study. This year's award is available for teachers/professors, youth up to age 25, and school-based service learning coordinators to implement service learning projects for National Youth Service Day 2004, April 16-18. For additional information visit:

<http://www.ysa.org>.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Funds Research Projects.

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will award 30 grants to organizations that assist individuals with disabilities. \$4.5 million is available for state, public/private agencies, including higher education institutions and tribes to develop new methods to promote employment and improve services to the disabled population under the Rehabilitative Act of 1973. For more information contact Donna Nangle at 202-205-4475.

American Honda Foundation will Award Funds to National Organizations that Support Youth and Scientific Education. The American Honda Foundation plans to award grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$80,000 to organizations that promote and support a national interest in science education projects. Grants will be made available to educational institutions, community colleges, vocational trade schools, and other tax exempt organizations. For more information visit: <http://www.hondacorporate.com/community/index.html>. **Deadline: February 1, 2004.**

The Allen Foundation Accepts Applications for Healthy Habitat Grants. The Allen Foundation is accepting applications for grants that fund education, training, and research programs that serve youth. For additional information visit: <http://www.allenfoundation.org>.
Deadline: December 31.

National Endowment of The Humanities Funds Reading Programs. The National Endowment of the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association will initiate a program, entitled "We the People" to encourage youth to read while exploring themes in American history. Grants will be awarded to at least five hundred libraries across the nation. For additional information visit: <http://www.wethepeople.gov>.

National Science Foundation Funds Educational Grants. The Informal Science Education program sponsored by the National Science Foundation will provide opportunities for individuals to increase their appreciation and understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. For more information visit: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/o3/nsf03511/nsf03511.txt>.
Deadline: November 17.

Community Action Grants Available from AAUW Educational Foundation. Community Action Grants provides funds for nondegree research programs that address issues related to the needs of women and girls. Activities and research must support advancement of education and equity for women and girls. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. For more information visit: <http://www.aauw.org>. **Deadline: January 15, 2004.**

Home Depot Foundation Funds Projects for At-Risk Youth. Home Depot offers grants to organizations that provide leadership skill training through community engagement and job readiness training projects for youth ages 12-18. Organizations with 501(c) (3) status are eligible to apply. For more information visit: <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/hdfoundation.html>.
Deadline: January 13, 2004.

Funding Opportunities for Youth

Christopher Columbus Awards. Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation announces awards for middle-school students to explore opportunities for positive change in their communities. Recipients compete for a U.S. savings bond and \$25,000. For additional information visit: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com>. **Deadline: January 31.**

Program on Philanthropy and The Nonprofit Sector Fellowships. The Social Science Research Council provides fellowships for dissertation research on nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in the United States. Contact: (212) 377-2700 or visit: www.ssrc.org/fellowships/philanthropy/annual_dissertation_fellowship. **Deadline: April 15.**

Publications

Handbook for Learning Disabilities offers insight on how to identify students with learning difficulties and perspectives about student's performances and brain processes. To access the handbook visit: <http://www.guilford.com>.

When Parents Ask for Help: Everyday Issues through an Asset-Building Lens provides handouts for school staff and other youth workers dealing with adolescents. To access the article visit: <http://www.search.institute.org>.

The Forum Focus for Youth Investment is a publication that offers information on public policy dedicated to changing the lives of youth and their families. To learn more about this publication visit: <http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org>.

Websites

National Youth Development Information Center. This website provides practice related information about youth development and national local youth-serving organizations. To access the website visit: <http://www.nydic.org>.

Citigroup Success Funds for Promising Practices in After-School Programs. This website lists national program which identify and publicize promising best practices. For more information visit: <http://www.tascorp.org>.

Colorin Colorado. This website is designed for Spanish-speaking parents who want to help children learn how to read English and Spanish. For more information visit: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>.

Corporation for National and Community Service. This website provides information about jobs, fellowships and other resources available through the National Community Service. For access the website: <http://www.cns.gov>.

National Alliance to End Homelessness. This website is for organizations dedicated to mobilizing the nonprofit, private and public sectors in the fight to end homelessness among youth visit: www.endhomelessness.org/youth.

Children Awaiting Parents. The website is designed for parents, those interested in adoption policy, and social workers for kids whose permanency plans include adoption. The site also walks potential parents through the adoption process and various state adoption policies. Children Awaiting Parents is a Rochester, N.Y.-based organization that says it has matched 4,000 children with families since its founding 30 years ago. For more information visit: <http://www.capbook.org/>.

Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development. This website offers innovative ideas and experiential learning, a link to new partners, and catalyst for positive change in the way youth development takes place. To access the site visit: <http://www.theinnovationcenter.org>.

Finance Project website. This website provides information and technical assistance resources about initiatives designed to improve the outcomes for youth and families. For more information visit: <http://www.financeproject.org>.

Calendar of Events

November 12-14. Miami, FL. Service Leadership Institute. Child Welfare League of America. Tools That Work. Contact: (202) 942-0308 or visit: www.cwla.org/conferences.

November 12-15. San Diego, CA. International Dyslexia Association. 54th Annual Conference. Contact: (800) 222-3123 or visit: www.interdys.org.

November 16-18. New Orleans, LA. Center for the Study of Participation and Citizenship. International Conference on Civic Education Research. Contact: (812) 855-9297 or visit: www.indiana.edu/~civiced/preliminaryprogram.rtf.

November 17-19. Portland, OR. CRU Institute. Conflict Resolution: Beyond Peer Mediation Training for Elementary School Faculty (one day) and for Secondary School Faculty (two days). Contact: (800) 922-1988 or visit: www.cruinstitute.org.

November 20. San Francisco, CA. The California Wellness Foundation. Violence Prevention Priority Area Convening. Contact: (415) 541-9000 or visit: www.tcwf.org.

November 23-29. National Family Week: Connections Count. Contact: (800) 221-2681 or visit: www.nationalfamilyweek.org.

December 1-5. Lahaina, HI. American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. First Annual Trauma Treatment Clinic. Contact: (405) 271-8202 or visit: www.apsac.org.

December 2-4. New Orleans, LA. Louisiana Adoption Advisory Board. Adoption: Celebrating Changing Times. Contact: (504) 443-1012, www.laab.org.

December 8-9. Quakertown, PA. Project CARE. Youth Accountability Through Restorative Justice. Contact: (215) 538-4796 or visit: www.justcommunity.com.

December 14 – 19. San Diego, CA. National Partnership for Community Leadership holds its 10th National Youth Development Practitioners Institute designed for frontline staff. Contact: Dr. Carolyn Blue or Charles Modiano at 1-888-528-6725.